

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, please delete paragraph [0017], and replace it with the following new paragraph:

By turning on electric motor 11, transverse shaft 9 is rotated together with the two disks or drums 14a and 14b by means of chain drive 10 to 13, so that both traction cables 15a and 15b are wound up with a uniform speed and, thus, two support arms 4a and 4b are synchronously lifted. The lowering movement of support arms 4a and 4b is efficiently effected by their own weight or the additional weight of a supported vehicle and also with a speed determined by a brake or electric motor 11. ~~In addition, each safety means 17a and 17b acts as a positively acting arrest element. The brake can also be operated manually by switch 18.~~